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INFO AMEMBASSY BLANTYRE

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AMEMBASSY LUANDA

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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: PINS MOPS MZ

SUBJ: MOZAMBIQUE HIGH COMMAND COMMUNIQUE NO. 11/73

REF: LOURENCO MARQUES 112

MILITARY HIGH COMMAND OF MOZAMBIQUE ARMED FORCES ISSUED  
COMMUNIQUE NO. 11/73, PUBLISHED IN DIARIO ON MAY 16, 1973.  
INFORMAL TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

"1. ENEMY HAS PERSISTED IN ITS DESPERATE ATTEMPTS AT INTER-  
FERENCE WITH RAILROAD BETWEEN MUTARARA AND MOATIZE. SUCH  
ATTEMPTS TAKE FORM OF IMPLANTING EXPLOSIVE DEVICES BY NIGHT  
AND LONG- RANGE SHELLINGS OF RAILROAD SECURITY FORCES.

"2. NORMALLY THE MINES ARE DETECTED AND EITHER REMOVED OR  
DESTROYED AND SHELLINGS ARE NEUTRALIZED. FOLLOW- UP ACTIVI-  
TIES ALWAYS TAKE PLACE WHICH FREQUENTLY RESULT IN DESTRUC-  
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TION OF ENEMY REFUGES AND GROUPS.

"3. HOWEVER, FROM TIME TO TIME SOME MINES ESCAPE DETECTION  
OPERATIONS. THIS HAPPENED THREE MONTS AGO, ON FEBRUARY 13,

AS HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE PUBLIC, AND DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY ON MAY 13. THIS MOST RECENT MINE, EXPLODING UNDER A GENERAL CARGO TRAIN, RESULTED IN ITS DERAILMENT, MATERIAL DAMAGE, TWO KILLED, THREE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED, AND FOUR LIGHTLY WOUNDED, ALL CASUALTIES BEING RAILROAD PERSONNEL. THE TRAIN GUARD AND A PURSUIT FORCE ENTERED INTO ACTION ON THE SPOT."

COMMENT: WHILE DESTRUCTION OF RAILROAD EQUIPMENT THROUGH FRELIMO ACTION IS INFREQUENT IN ABSOLUTE TERMS AND HAS NOT HAD SERIOUS DESRUPTIVE EFFECT ON SUPPLIES TO CABORA BESSA, RESULTANT CUMULATIVE DAMAGE TO ROLLING STOCK, ESPECIALLY LOCOMOTIVES, COULD, UNLESS REPLACEMENTS OBTAINED, CAUSE INCREASINGLY SEVERE TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS. SEVERAL DAYS AGO DIRECTOR OF RAILROADS MENTIONED PRIVATELY PINCH ALREADY BEING FELT. FRENCH CONGEN TOLD ME HE HAD SEEN SCRAPHEAP OF "NUMEROUS" DAMAGED RAILROAD CARS AND LOCOMOTIVES IN BEIRA PORT AREA DURING RECEENT VISIT.

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